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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the present application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously cited in a prior application, Serial No. 09/790,008, filed February 21, 2001; Serial No. 08/108,908, filed August 18, 1993; Serial No. 07/905,127, filed June 24, 2002; or Serial No. 07/398,987, filed August 28, 1989; upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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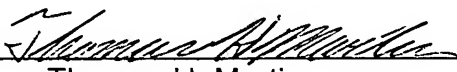
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